

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 JIDDA 02109 251356Z

53

ACTION NEA-09

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SS-15 NSC-05 PM-03 CIAE-00 INR-07

NSAE-00 /040 W

----- 089202

R 251000Z MAR 75

FM AMEMBASSY JIDDA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0687

SECDEF WASHDC

JCS WASHDC

INFO USMTM DHAHRAN

USCINCEUR

COE RIYADH

SANG P.O. RIYADH

C O N F I D E N T I A L JIDDA 2109

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, SA

SUBJECT: COMMAND AND CONTROL OF DOD AGENCIES IN SAUDI ARABIA

REF: A. USMTM DHAHRAN DTG 081232 MAR 75

B. USCINCEUR DTG 071423Z MAR 75

1. EMBASSY VIEWS ON RECOMMENDATION PARA 3 REFTELS FOLLOW:

A. A. TRANSFER SOCP TO ARMY TAFT UNDER USMTM SUPERVISION:  
WE ARE RELUCTANT TO TAMPER WITH A SUCCESSFUL OPERATION  
BUT WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION IN PRINCIPLE IF CHANGE COULD  
BE MADE WITHOUT DISRUPTING PROGRAM EFFICIENCY. COE  
HAS HANDLED PROGRAM EXTREMELY WELL AND WE BELIEVE THEIR  
VIEWS ON HOW TO ACCOMPLISH TRANSITION SHOULD BE  
GIVEN GREAT WEIGHT.

B. PLACE DET 22 UNDER USAF TAFT: WE ENDORSE THIS  
PGOPOSAL.

C. PLACE SANG UNDER USMTM AS SEPARATE TAFT:  
EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS IS POLITICALLY UNACCEPTABLE  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 JIDDA 02109 251356Z

TO SAUDI ARABIAN NATIONAL GUARD (WHICH IS ENTIRELY

INDEPENDENT OF MINISTRY OF DEFENSE) AND WE WOULD NOT WISH TO ADVOCATE THIS PROPOSAL. ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS BELOW.

D. TRANSFER USMTM COMMUNICATIONS TO 5TH SIGNAL COMMAND: NO OBJECTION.

2. EMBASSY'S PRIMARY CONSIDERATION IS THAT COMMAND LINES REMAIN AS DIRECT AND CLEAR AS POSSIBLE, TO INSURE QUICK RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION AND ACTION. SANG PROJECT OFFICE'S DIRECT LINE TO ARMY MATERIEL COMMAND, FOR INSTANCE, HAS RESULTED IN SMOOTH-RUNNING EFFICIENT PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION ABLE TO RESPOND QUICKLY TO CHANGING CONDITIONS. WE SEE NO ADVANTAGE TO BE GAINED BY TAMPERING WITH THE ARRANGEMENT. SIMILARLY, COE CHAIN THROUGH MEDDIV TO WASHINGTON ON CONSTRUCTION MATTERS IS HIGHLY RESPONSIVE. IN-COUNTRY, ALL PROGRAM DIRECTORS RECOGNIZE PRE-EMINENT POSITION OF CHIEF OF USMTM AS SENIOR U.S. MILITARY REPRESENTATIVE IN SAUDI ARABIA, WORKING UNDER AMBASSADOR'S OVERALL DIRECTION, AND ALL PROGRAM CHIEFS PARTICIPATE IN MONTHLY MILITARY BRIEFINGS OF AMBASSADOR AND HIS STAFF. THESE INFORMAL BRIEFINGS HAVE SHOWN THEMSELVES TO BE VERY WORKABLE ARRANGEMENT DURING LAST YEAR AND SERVE TO INSURE THAT MILITARY OFFICES AND EMBASSY WORK IN CONCERT.

3. WE DO BELIEVE CHUSMTM NEEDS AUTHORITY TO COORDINATE SUPPORT OPERATIONS (COMMUNICATIONS, COMMISSARY, PX, APO, ETC.) REQUIRED BY ALL U.S. MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN COUNTRY. OPERATIONALLY, HOWEVER, EMBASSY CONSIDERS PRESENT COORDINATION ARRANGEMENTS SATISFACTORY. WE SEE NO PRACTICAL ADVANTAGE TO BE GAINED BY SUBORDINATION OF SANG AND COE TO USMTM.

AKINS

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** MILITARY ASSISTANCE, PROGRAMS (PROJECTS)  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 25 MAR 1975  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** johnsorg  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1975JIDDA02109  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D750104-0142  
**From:** JIDDA  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1975/newtext/t19750319/aaaaaqos.tel  
**Line Count:** 98  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION NEA  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 75 USMTM DHAHRAN DTG 081232, 75 MAR 75  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** johnsorg  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 19 AUG 2003  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <19 AUG 2003 by BoyleJA>; APPROVED <04 DEC 2003 by johnsorg>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
05 JUL 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** COMMAND AND CONTROL OF DOD AGENCIES IN SAUDI ARABIA  
**TAGS:** MARR, SA, US  
**To:** STATE JCS  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006